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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by the President of the Russian Federation, Mr. Boris N. Yeltsin, on 7 September 1995.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. LAVROV

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Annex

Statement by the President of the Russian Federation dated 7 September 1995

The ongoing NATO air strikes and artillery shelling of the Bosnian Serbs undermine efforts for a political settlement. They go beyond the limits of United Nations Security Council decisions and draw the international community into a conflict against one of the parties to the conflict in Bosnia.

While declaring its "peacekeeping mission", the North Atlantic alliance has, in fact, usurped the role of both the judge and the bailiff.

Should such a policy continue to be pursued, we will have to carefully weigh, in the light of circumstances, our strategy, including our approach to relations with the North Atlantic alliance.

The time left to reach political solutions is critically short, yet there is still time.

The Russian side will actively contribute to the effectiveness of the meeting in Geneva with the foreign ministers of Yugoslavia, Croatia and Bosnia under the auspices of the Contact Group. For my part, I intend to continue energetically promoting the search for political solutions.

What is most important now is to abandon the reflex use of force for a balanced approach and collective actions at the negotiating table. There is a clear understanding of this in Moscow; our partners should also understand it.

I am calling upon all those interested in a settlement to realize the seriousness and significance of this moment.

B. Yeltsin